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To Whom It May Concern –

Allowing the USPS their proposed enhancements to offer identical services, **plus services currently denied to PMB providers**, provides an **unfair competitive advantage for the USPS**.

The “enhanced” post office box services, already rolled out nationwide earlier this year, offers Post Office Box renters several new options:

- The ability to receive packages from private carriers.
- The use of the Post Office street address for Post Office Box addressing.
- Removing the PO Box designation when using a street address.
- Offering email notification of mail delivery.
- Offering the use of the “#” designation in lieu of a “P.O. Box” designation.
- USPS customers will also be able submit a change of address and have their mail forwarded at no additional charge after closing the box, a service currently denied to Private Mail Box providers under CMRA regulations.

Unfair regulatory advantages include, but are not limited to:

- Our requirement to handle mail for six months for departed or cancelled customers.
- The inability for our PMB customers to file a change of address form once their contract has ended.
- The inability for our PMB customers to get the same free forwarding service offered to PO Box customers.
- The forced use of a “PMB” or a “#” designator for our CMRA customers.

**The impact on our small business will be hugely detrimental.** This economic climate makes competing with other similar businesses already difficult enough.



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**Requiring hard working small business owners to compete  
with big government whose monetary source is endless, is GROSSLY UNFAIR.**

Aside which, the USPS never properly sought approval for the enhanced services as it should have, per the PRC-issued Order 1366.

**In terms of budgetary constraints,  
it is IMPOSSIBLE for a small business owner  
to fairly compete with the US government,**

and frankly, ethically-speaking, this should not even be an issue of contemplation.

**What the USPS is doing is fundamentally wrong.**

For most of us, our small business is our [AND our employees] main source of income which means it provides money for the mortgage each month, puts food on the table and helps get the kids through college. This proposed unfair advantage in competing business with the government threatens all of that.

**The small business owners of America  
should be protected by their government, not threatened by it.**

Most Sincerely,

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